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RECOVERING CARBON)
DIOXIDE IN EXHAUST GAS)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent and non-patent literature documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Disclosure No. JP 2002-126439 discloses a flue-gas carbon dioxide separation and recovery system in which amine solution is employed as the carbon dioxide absorbent and the solution pool is not employed. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed. The relevance of this document is also discussed at pages 1 and 4 of the specification of the present application.
2. Japanese Patent Disclosure No. JP 4-346816 discloses a CO₂ separation and recovery system in which K₂CO₃ solution is employed as the CO₂ absorbent and the solution pool is not used. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed. The relevance of this document is also discussed at pages 1 and 4 of the specification of the present application.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2005-8478. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 55-97227. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
5. Belgium Patent Application No. BE 884129.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents 2-5, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national

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phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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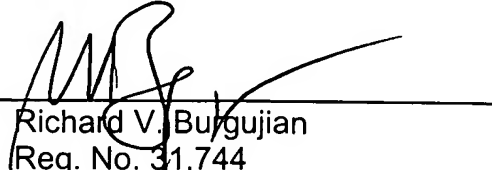
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